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MEMORANDUM FOR : Colonel Leo P. Geary, USAF, AFCIG-5

SUBJECT : Clearance Status of Brigadier General Eugene B. LeBailly, USAF

1. As you doubtlessly are aware, General LeBailly is on the verge of being sent overseas as Military Commander for the Azores. In the course of his preparation for this assignment, he was briefed at General Cabell's direction on 13 July on the organization and functions of CIA. EPD played a minor role in this briefing, principally as it related to General LeBailly's possible concern [redacted]

2. However, in the normal course of checking his clearance status with [redacted] knowing that he had participated with [redacted] in IDEALIST and CORONA cover matters and I believe in the backwash of 1 May 1960, we discovered that there is no record here in the Office of Security of any EPD clearances for General LeBailly.

3. Naturally, [redacted] finds this a bit embarrassing, and we do not plan to try and debrief the General, since we cannot be certain that he was briefed in the first place. However, knowing that he is aware of IDEALIST and CORONA prompts me to ask you if you would be good enough to seek him out before he goes overseas and informally debrief him on these

used also that Major General William Martin, USAF, from SAC, [redacted] LeBailly as deputy to and presumed successor of General [redacted] of Information Services. I assume that you will wish to [redacted], since he reports to the Pentagon, and that you will be [redacted] know on both these matters.

SIGNED
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